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## MAY MERGE WITH PARENT COMPANY

First Step in Plan to Consolidate  
Subsidiaries of New York  
Central System.

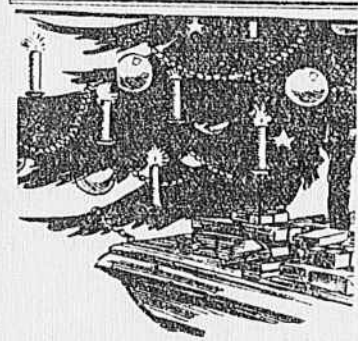
New York, December 22.—What was regarded in Wall Street as the first step in the long rumored plan to consolidate the subsidiaries of the New York Central system with the parent company was taken to-day, when the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company addressed letters to the holders of its \$110,000,000 3 1/2 per cent. collateral trust bonds, which were given in exchange for stock of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and Northern Central roads, asking their consent to merge either or both roads with the parent company.

It is proposed to consolidate only the Lake Shore at this time, but only to a provision of the mortgage, the consent of the holders of the Michigan Central proportion of the issue must be obtained. The way is thus left open, however, for a consolidation of the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central, and the bondholders are asked to give their consent to such consolidation.

According to an officer of the company, the immediate object of the absorption of the Lake Shore is to obtain a through line to Chicago under one management, to the end that its operation may be placed on a less economical basis, with more economical management.

Control of the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore was secured by the New York Central in 1898, when it issued its 3 1/2 per cent. bonds for \$50,000,000 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern stock at 200, and \$15,735,000 Michigan Central stock at 115.

Aged Bank President Dead.  
Los Angeles, Cal., December 22.—Washington Hadley, aged ninety-four, who claimed to be the oldest bank president in active service in the United States, is dead at his home in Whittier, near here. He was born in Guilford county, N. C., in 1817, and at the time of his death was president of a savings bank.



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## WELLS'S DECISION WILL SETTLE CASE

Newport News Labor Prosecu-  
tions Await His Construction  
of Statute.

PINE CAMP INCORPORATED

Dr. Freeman Appointed on  
Board of Charities—Adult-  
terated Oats Seized.

Upon the decision of Judge Ernest H. Wells, in Hastings Court, Part 2, of Richmond, depends the fate of the construction of the ten-hour labor law placed upon the statute by the State Labor Bureau. This was clearly shown when the penalties in several cases were withheld yesterday by the Police Court in Newport News, until such time as Judge Wells shall have rendered his decision in the Thalhimer case.

The point at issue is whether or not the altering department of a mercantile establishment is a manufacturing business within the meaning of the law, which prohibits the employment of a woman in such labor for more than eight hours in any one day. Admittedly, the statute does not apply to store clerks, but it is contended by the labor officials that it does apply to girls who alter suits and other articles of wear. Upon this issue the Thalhimer case arose, and was appealed from the Police Court to the Hastings Court, where it was argued in Part 2 on Thursday.

However, the Newport News case perhaps extends further, for separate warrants were obtained there covering work said to have been done after hours in the millinery departments. It would seem that no matter what Judge Wells's decision is, it will not affect the result in this aspect of the cases. The Capital Dry Goods Company, Watt, Doney & Watt, James Deskin, Sol. Nachman and Myers Bros. were found guilty, but no sentence was imposed, pending the Richmond decision. Watt, Doney & Watt was not concerned in the action as to a millinery department.

### CAMP SOCIETY CHARTERED

Local Tubercular Institution Incorporated by Commission.

A charter was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the Tubercular Camp Society (Inc.), with the purpose of fighting consumption. The association, which operates Pine Camp, in the suburbs of Richmond, for the care of advanced tubercular cases. The corporation is purely charitable in its purpose. Its principal office is to be at Idle Vista, Henric county, and it is empowered to establish institutions for the care of tubercular patients, to operate dispensaries, and to operate other enterprises. The society now contemplates the erection of a fourth building, the third being nearly completed.

Officers are Edmund Strudwick, president; James H. Gordon, first vice-president; C. Cotsworth, second vice-president; Miss Nannie J. Minor, secretary; Fred W. Scott, treasurer. Directors—Miss Cally T. Ryland, Mrs. Norman V. Randolph, Fred W. Scott, Miss Nannie J. Minor, Miss Anne Guller, James Phillips, R. H. Cabaniss, Rev. James Buchanan, Dr. McGuire, Newton, Miss Frances B. Scott, Dr. E. C. Levy, George Cole Scott, Dr. Ennion G. Williams, Edmund Strudwick, Alfred R. Williams, James R. Gordon and Lewis C. Williams.

### OATS SEIZED HERE

Libel Filed Regarding an Important  
Issue by National Department.

The United States Dept. of Agriculture is calling general attention to the recent seizure in Richmond of two carloads of oats, on the charges of adulteration and misbranding. At the instance of Deputy State Dairy and Food Commissioner B. L. Purcell, District Attorney L. L. Lewis filed a libel against the two cars, which were imported from Simpson, Bass & Co., had 66.2 per cent. of oats. Both were shipped by T. A. Grier & Co., of Peoria, Ill., consigned to Alvey Brothers, was found to contain only 60.8 per cent. of oats, the remainder being made up of foreign seeds, stems, straw and dirt. The other, destined for Smith, Bass & Co., was therefore claimed that the contents were not oats at all, but an imitation.

The two cars were released to the consignees upon giving bond that the contents would not be sold under deceptive circumstances.

Sketch of Mr. Eggleston.

The forthcoming annual report of Secretary of the Commonwealth, E. D. James will contain a memorial to the late secretary, David Quin Eggleston, prepared by former Assistant Attorney-General Robert Catlett and John S. Eggleston.

### GOES ON CHARITIES BOARD.

Governor Mann has appointed Douglas Southall Freeman, Ph. D., technical member of the new advisory committee, and a member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, to succeed Dr. George H. Denny. The resignation of Dr. Denny, which has been accepted, is effective on January 1. Dr. S. C. Hatcher has been elected chairman to succeed Dr. Denny.

## SIGNALING TESTS WITH WIRELESS

Washington, December 22.—Members of the army signal corps are awaiting with interest tests of the new wireless equipment for aeroplanes, which was shipped yesterday from the laboratory of the signal corps here to Augusta, Ga., the winter headquarters of the aeronautical arm of the corps. It is believed that the new apparatus, which was worked out and perfected by the signal officers in the laboratory here, will make a great stride in wireless signaling from air.

With the perfection of the sending and receiving apparatus the principal problem now before the officers is the location of the "antennae." As an experiment the "antennae" will be placed first on the four posts at the U. S. Signal Corps.

The apparatus itself is about as compact as it is possible, taking up about as much space as an ordinary suitcase, and weighing only eighty pounds. The power is derived from a small generator attached to the propeller shaft of the aeroplane.

### Nuts

The greatest care is exercised to secure those varieties which represent best quality, not only free from imperfection, but selected because of superior flavor. Particularly attractive in this connection are Louisiana very large Paper Shell Pecans at 65c, and the California Burdell Walnut, a new variety of a remarkable fine rich flavor, solid with meat, at 30c pound. Truly a delight.

Walnuts, paper shell	25c
Walnuts	20c
Pecans, paper shell	40c
Pecans, Texas	20c
Filberts	20c
Almonds, paper shell	30c
Almonds, soft shell	20c
Cocoanuts, assorted best	50c
Cocoanuts, assorted regular	20c
Chestnuts	13c
Cocoanuts, each	10c
Pecans, quart	10c
In Shelled Nuts the usual variety on hand added—	
Palm Nuts, whole	70c
Filberts	40c
Almonds, 45c to	80c
Walnuts	50c
Pecans	70c

All varieties of Salted Nuts prepared daily, assorted or separate.

### Raisins

Raisins of the best Malagas and California layers, large clusters, mammoth fruit, full, moist, rich flavor; all size boxes or by the pound.

Box, 1 lb.	
Layers, California	\$2.25 15c
Layers, California	2 75 18c
Layers, California	3 50 20c
Layers, California	4 25 25c
Malagas (14 box)	1 25 25c
Malagas	1 50 30c
Malagas	2 00 40c
Malagas	2 50 50c

### Figs

Figs gathered from those groves famous for centuries for perfect fruit, prepared with the care which has established the Smyrna Fig without an equal. For baskets, 40c, 50c, 65c, 85c.

1 lb.	
Layers, \$1.35 box	15c
Layers, large, \$2.00 box	20c
Layers, extra, \$2.25 box	25c
Pulled, extra	20c
Pulled, 5-lb. box	90c
Pulled, 2-lb. box	40c
Washed	
Cresca, large jars	75c
Cresca, small jars	40c



### INSANITY IN FAMILY.

Appeal is Made on Behalf of Con-  
demned Wife-Beater.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Raleigh, N. C., December 22.—L. Clayton Grant, of Wilmington, and E. M. Koonce, and J. E. Sandlin, of Onslow county, the latter a brother to L. M. Sandlin, conferred with Governor Kitchin to-day, and presented evidence as to insanity in the Sandlin family, in the hope of having the life of the New Hanover man spared by executive clemency. Sandlin was granted a reprieve until December 29, in order that new evidence might be presented. He was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder of his wife in Wilmington. This afternoon the State hospital physicians examined Sandlin as to his sanity, and they will make a report of the Governor. It is contended that he is not of sound mind; that he has on former occasions shown symptoms of insanity, and that he was not responsible for his awful deed.

### VIRGINIANS AT THE HOTELS

Murphy's—G. C. Greer, Rocky Mount; S. Campbell, Bristol; H. N. Ewing, Prince Edward county; Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burch, Clover; H. W. Grant, Norfolk; L. R. Logan, Beaufort; William D. Davis, Scottsville; W. T. Owen, South Boston; C. N. Garrett, King William; Dr. E. T. Gatewood, Tazewell; P. R. Williams, Virginia; J. S. Williams, Key- stone; Dr. Herbert Old, Norfolk; J. B. Barney, Fredericksburg; J. B. L. De- lamater, Delmar; J. D. Williams, Norfolk; R. H. Plummer, Williams; R. W. Strange, Danville; Dr. T. M. Dillard, Cambridge; R. G. Lucas, Pulaski; James E. Black, M. D., Intersville; C. A. Egan, Blacksburg; S. R. Fleming, Key- stone; M. Davis, Miss M. E. Davis, Nor- folk; J. H. Foster, Brookneal; W. H. Virginia, Maude; C. Gordon, Virginia; Elise S. Holland, Lackey; Mrs. P. W. Bratton, Brownsville; P. G. Thompson, Farmville; H. H. Russell, Fredericksburg; Henry Wilkinson, Key- stone; A. L. Pitts, Jr., Arvonia; H. S. Newman, Orange.

Richmond—Charles G. Greer, Fredericksburg; E. W. Smith, Norfolk; Charles P. Winston, Amelia Courthouse; R. E. Mitchell, Gainesville; Mrs. John P. Stoney Creek.  
Gilbert—L. H. Becknell, Virginia; D. M. Tronsdell, Centralia; W. A. Rob- erts, Roanoke; A. Y. Maynard, Ken- bridge; E. J. Hall, Richmond county; W. H. Williams, Arvonia; W. R. Jeffrey, Arvonia; L. W. Shaddy, Ar- vonia; Mrs. Oona Johnson and sons, Virginia; B. F. Braden, Green Bay; J. A. Cooper, Virginia.  
Staunton—P. J. Jeffers, Kenbridge; A. T. Nott, Kenbridge; A. W. Cox, Charlotte Courthouse; A. W. Ken- bridge; A. E. Herper, Mosley's; Ken- bridge; A. W. Douthat, Danville.  
Lexington—W. R. Hatcher, Chester; P. L. Lee, Suffolk; L. P. Jones, Salem; D. H. Chapman, Norfolk; J. M. Jennings, Toano; Margaret Kerr, Chase City; Ruth Warnock, Chase City.

### "Introduce Me" New Year's Day.

Manager Wise, of the Academy of Music, was advised yesterday that "Introduce Me," the attraction booked for Tuesday, would not appear on New Year's Day. Two performances will be given.

### THE LAX-POX WAY.

If you had a medicine that would "introduce" the liver, the stomach, the bowels, and at the same time make you strong with a systemic tonic, don't believe you have seen it until you see "The Lax-Pox Way."  
We ask you to buy the first bottle on the market, and you will ask your druggist to sell you "The Lax-Pox Way." It keeps your whole inside right. There is nothing else made like Lax-Pox. Remember the name—LAX-POX—Ado.

## "Yes, we'll do our UTMOST" to Fill Rush Orders.

We have planned our holiday delivery system for just such emergencies. Phone your order now, or drop in this morning. We will fill your order carefully and with the utmost promptness. BUT, please don't delay.

### Plum Puddings

Richardson & Robbins' Blue La-  
bel, in 1, 2, 3, 4-lb. cans, at, lb., 25c  
Individuals, each 10c  
Franco-American, 1-lb., 30c  
Home-Made, 2 lbs., each 75c

### Fruit Cake

Is necessary to complete the holiday table. Among our offerings are the Greene's celebrated home-made—a perfection of the art, beautiful in appearance, as fine in flavor as best materials and years of experience can produce. Just what is required when a real good fruit cake is wanted.  
Rich's New England, 1 lb., 35c;  
2 lbs., 65c; 5 lbs., \$1.50  
Home-Made, whole round, 2, 3, 4, and 5-lb. size, per pound, 40c

### Smithfield Hams

Cut from the "razorback" hogs, cured with the greatest care after the famous recipe, well known for its "deliciousness" to all those who have been fortunate enough to partake of the genuine article.  
All sizes, 35c pound.  
Cooked to order at a nominal charge.

### Fresh Fruits

Apples, Winesap	Box, \$3.50 50c
Apples, Pippins	4 00 60c
Oranges, Florida	3 50 25c
Oranges, Florida	30c
Oranges, Florida	4 00 40c
Grape Fruit	1 00 to 3 00
Malaga Grapes, lb.	20c to 30c
Kegs, \$5 to \$10.	

Seasonable Hot House Fruits, Melons, French Persimmons, Italian Figs, Colman Grapes, Bananas, Comquats, Cranberries, 15c quart.  
Above prices are subject to change owing to market's fluctuation.  
Basket Fruit for \$1.00 up

### Important

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### Brandied Fruits

Appeal to almost all, particularly when it's known the quality of the brandy used is of the "Schmidt" standard, prepared with the care many, many years of experience makes perfection.  
Peaches, Virginia Apple Brandy, quart \$1.50  
Peaches, Virginia Apple Brandy, 2 quarts \$2.75  
Peaches, Felsang Pears 75c  
Peaches, small jars \$1.00  
Marrons, Brandy \$1.25  
Maraschino Cherries, bottle, 25c, 50c  
Creme de Menthe Cherries, 25c, 50c  
Maraschino Marron, large jar, \$1.25; small 65c

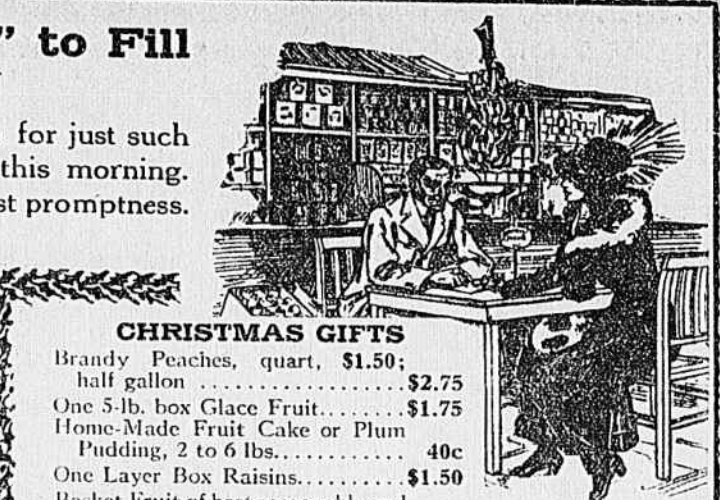
### Wines and Liquors

We will not dwell upon the quality of the Wines and Whiskey handled by us, as everything is guaranteed, and if not found as represented may be returned and full credit given.

Among other things we suggest for your consideration as a gift are a few packages especially gotten up in holly paper and ribbons in holiday style.  
6 bottles Gibson Straight Rye Whiskey \$5.50  
6 bottles Seven-Year-Old Whiskey \$5.50  
6 bottles—3 Whiskey, 1 Wine, 1 cocktail, 1 Gin \$7.00  
6 bottles Mt. Vernon Whiskey \$7.00  
Bottle 4 Botts  
Gibson Rye, 8 years old \$1.25 50c  
Gibson Rye, 4 years old 1 00 40c  
Bungardner Mountain 1 00 40c  
No. 7, Seven-Year-Old  
Bourbon 1 00 40c  
Old Corn Whiskey 75 30c  
Perry's Rye 75 30c  
Peach Brandy 1 00 40c  
Apple Brandy 1 00 40c  
Grape Brandy, Cal. 1 00 40c  
London Dock Jamaica Rum 1 50 60c  
Old Jamaica Rum 1 00 40c  
New England Rum 60 2 40c

### Sherry

Amontillado, superior quality 1 50 60c  
Amontillado, pure 1 25 50c  
Amoroso, rich and heavy 1 00 40c  
Oloroso, medium 75 2 00



### CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Brandy Peaches, quart, \$1.50;  
half gallon \$2.75  
One 5-lb. box Glace Fruit \$1.75  
Home-Made Fruit Cake or Plum Pudding, 2 to 6 lbs. 40c  
One Layer Box Raisins \$1.50  
Basket Fruit of best seasonal and hot house fruit, in very attractive imported baskets, \$1.00 to \$5.00  
Box of Albemarle Pippins or Winesaps, best selection \$4.00 up  
India River Oranges, box \$3.50 up  
1 bottle Montrose Rye Whiskey, 20 years in wood \$3.00  
1 bottle Madeira or Port Tokay \$1.00 up  
1 bottle French Brandy, vintage 1860 \$3.00  
Case of Claret Sauterne, Rhine, Moselle, Burgundy, from \$7.00 up  
1 box Cigars \$1.00 up  
Either imported or domestic manufacture, all sizes, shape and colors.  
A Christmas box \$4.00  
Containing all the needs to make a complete meal. The best quality, attractively packed—a practical, complete present.  
1 bottle Ramsay Scotch \$1.50  
Guaranteed nine years old Pure Barley Malt.

### Port

Cockburn Smith, Very 1 50 60c  
Old Tokay 1 25 50c  
Cockburn, select 1 25 50c  
Cockburn, good, sound 1 00 40c

### Madeira

London Particular 1 50 60c  
Select 1 25 50c  
Choice Old 1 40 60c  
Cooking 75 30c

### Scotch Whiskey

Ramsay, 9 years old 1 50 60c  
Ramsay, 5 years old 1 25 50c  
Usher 1 25 50c  
Dewar 1 25 50c  
Black and White 1 25 50c  
King William V. O. P. 2 00 80c  
Dewar Special Liquor 2 00 80c

### Irish Whiskey

Jamison Three-Harp 1 50 60c  
Powers' Three Swallows 1 50 60c  
Burke 1 50 60c  
Bushmills 1 50 60c

### Gins

Burnett's Dry 1 10 40c  
Gordon Dry 1 10 40c  
Tanqueray 1 10 40c  
Highland Dry 1 10 40c  
Holland Scheidam 1 25 50c

We carry a complete assortment of all Imported Champagnes, Clarets, Sauternes, Burgundies, etc., etc., all of which are omitted from this list for want of space.  
Our stock of Domestic Wines includes the best grades of American products, made in those sections known to produce fine wines.

### Cigars and Tobacco

It matters not whether you desire the finest Havana Perfect or the less pretentious Domestic Cigars, or Stogies, or the requirement to obtain the consolation of a long used pipe.

Splendid assortment of Christmas Candies and Novelties.

## BOARD DEFERS FINAL ACTION

Henrico Supervisors Not Ready  
to Pass on Richmond and  
Henrico Petition.

Upon a plea for more mature consideration of the franchise, the Board of Supervisors of Henrico county yesterday morning postponed definite action on the proposed extension of the Richmond and Henrico Railway into the county until the next meeting, on January 2. Both Commonwealth's Attorney Julian Gunn and Samuel L. Kelley, counsel for the railroad, were on hand yesterday ready for final settlement, but refusal of the board to answer positively until the proposed ordinance could be gone over by the individual members of the board, caused the postponement.

It developed that there is still an objection to the franchise due to certain clauses regarding the selling of labor tickets and six regular tickets for 25 cents. Counsel for the company stated that his clients could not afford to build and operate their proposed line if the board compelled the sale of labor and six-for-a-quarter tickets. As a substitute for this demand of the county, Mr. Kelley offered to insert a clause in the franchise allowing the company to operate for five years without selling the above mentioned tickets, at the end of which time the board could arbitrarily order the company to sell them.

If the plan proposed by Mr. Kelley is adopted, it will still be possible for passengers on the line to use labor and six-for-a-quarter tickets when they board a car in Richmond going into the county, as the city franchise of the Richmond and Henrico Railway calls for the sale of those tickets. This class of tickets would not be accepted as fare by the company for passengers boarding a car in the county. Transfers will be given under any circumstances. Mr. Kelley pointed out that under the agreement with the Virginia Railway and Power Company, the Richmond and Henrico Company gives transfers on labor tickets at a loss of half a cent each.

The proposed extension of car service, twice a day and half miles in length, will take in the Fulton Hill section and Montrose Heights.

### CHARTERS ISSUED

The McGee Chartered Lumber Springs Water Company (Inc.), Clarksville, Va., J. P. Taylor, president; G. T. Barrow, treasurer; S. L. Mays, secretary—all of Clarksville, Va. Capital, \$25,000. Minimum, \$10,000. Object: Handling lumber water.

### REQUESTS FOR RELICTS

Many Towns and Organizations Want  
Part of Ill-Fated Maine.

The International Copying Company (Inc.), Alexandria, Va., F. S. Appleman, president; W. J. Turkenton, vice-president; H. L. Newhouse, secretary—all of Washington, D. C. Capital, \$100,000. Object: Manufacture patent copiers.

An amendment was issued to the Virginia Beach Terrace Corporation, of Norfolk, Va. Capital: Maximum, \$20,000; minimum, \$5,000. Object: Real estate business.

An amendment was issued to the charter of the American Cabinet Manufacturing Company (Inc.), Richmond, changing its name to Richmond Furniture Factory (Inc.).

### TENDENCY TOWARD REFORM.

Kenyon Makes Assault on Luxuries of  
Senators.

Washington, December 22.—Gradually the perquisites of Senators are being cut off. The latest assault on their comforts was made by Senator Kenyon, a Progressive Republican from Iowa. In a bill which he introduced he proposes to require Senators hereafter to pay for shaves and haircuts and other tonorial attention. Herebefore time out of mind these privileges were extended free.

Free baths are also abolished, and the Senator from Iowa estimates that he will save \$20,000 a year to the government by requiring the upper house to pay for baths and barber shop service.

Senate baths have accessories for free massage, and these, too, will disappear if the Kenyon bill is passed, but the Senator from Iowa does not stop with these economies. In another bill submitted he proposes to reduce the allowance for mileage from 20 to 10 cents a mile.

Since the newspapers of the country began to call attention to some of the expenditures set out in the annual report of the Secretary of the Senate for the luxury and comfort of the senators, there has been an unmistakable tendency toward reform. For example, last summer the usual supply of apollinaris and lemonade was absent.

### Christmas Pay Rolls Approved.

Brief meetings for the approval of the Christmas pay rolls were held last night by the Council Committee on Finance and Street Cleaning. No business of special importance was transacted.

### Takes Case Under Adversity.

In the case of Charles T. Norman against the Christie Manufacturing Company (Inc.), in a proceeding for mandamus, prothonotary Judge Trump in the Law and Equity Court, the defendant yesterday filed a demurrer, which was argued, and Judge Trump took time to consider the ruling.

## WILL AGAIN TRY MOUNT M'KINLEY

New York, December 22.—Professor Herschel Parker, of Columbia University, announced last night that he would leave New York for Alaska on January 10 to make his third attempt to ascend Mount McKinley. His first effort was made with the famous expedition of Dr. Frederick Cook in 1906, and the second in 1910.

Professor Parker will have with him two natives of Alaska, Arthur Aten and Meri Lavo, who will have charge of the two dog teams and Professor Belmore Brown, a scientist and explorer of Tacoma, Wash. Aten and Lavo have already set out from Seward, Alaska, with 200 pounds of food, to be placed in caches on the trail.

Professor Parker expects to arrive in Alaska late in January, and will make the trip to the base of the mountain over frozen rivers with his dog team. He intends to attempt the ascent in April, and will attack the northern side of the mountain, which he believes, from photographs and the reports of other explorers, can be scaled.

On his previous attempts Professor Parker